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## STRATFORD

Engagement Announced—Story of a Mortgage—Phelps and Shakespeare—Trip to Winsted—A Live Ground Hog—Two Funerals.

Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Edith Morton Packard, second daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Packard, to Marshall Avery Howe, Ph. D., one of the curators in the New York Botanical Garden. He has taught both at Berkeley College in California and at Columbia in New York. Just now Mr. Howe is in Jamaica in the interest of science as connected with marine flora. Miss Packard is a resident of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Brown intend to go to New York today.

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ church met yesterday with Miss Libbie Burritt.

It is now thought Miss Ruth Haven will escape a serious attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheeler spent Sunday in Meriden.

Mrs. Robert Brandt has returned from New Britain where she went to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Terry of Torrington, is the guest of Mrs. R. T. Wheeler.

Housewives say it is almost time to begin to pick moth balls.

The story is told in a town of a Swede who bought a place on Holter Heights, but who came next losing it on account of action taken by certain gentlemen.

It appears that the Swede had paid \$100 on his place, but there was \$200 interest from the former owner. This the Swede knew nothing about. He was ordered to pay the interest, and not being able to do so, he lost the place.

Some benevolent gentlemen in town went to work and raised the sum of \$200 and paid off the mortgage, and the bill of costs and saved the Swedish family from being turned out of doors. And all this happened in the year of grace, 1909.

It seems that just before he died Mr. Theodore Judson had been out to feed his chickens and had fixed his furnace, and eaten his last meal.

A day or two previous he had been suffering from a slight attack of indigestion.

It is believed that Mrs. S. E. J. Hudson is spending a few days in New Haven.

We hear that a few local people are wondering what has become of the honor rolls of the numerous school children which used to be given to readers of the press at great length and frequently.

As all the children in town are covered with honors, possibly the statement of the fact has become a trifle stale.

It is said that the late Mr. Judson was always glad of the opportunity to do a kindness for others. In this he set a much needed example in these days of dollar chasing and forgetfulness.

Clayton K. Blakeslee has returned from a very enjoyable trip to Portland, Me.

A contribution has been taken up in one of the local churches for Jacob O'Brien, the milkman who recently lost his house.

The handsome milk cart, with the name of G. O. Lines on its sides, attracted a good deal of attention yesterday up Paradise Green way.

Tomorrow evening the Camera Club will hold a meeting at the house of John Graham, Sr. Just now the scenery is so dull and brown, it will be difficult to get interesting views of landscapes. Some of the snow storms during the past winter have given beautiful effects.

Capt. and Mrs. Benjamin have not as yet gone to Palm beach. The announcement of their sailing was quite premature.

It is said that a very enjoyable entertainment will be given this evening at the Methodist church. A number of singers will come over from the Washington Park church.

It is perfectly safe now-a-days to say that certain visits and functions will take place "weather permitting". Winter seems to be lingering in the lap of Spring.

Miss Marjorie Maynard is well again from the attack of scarlet fever which caused the house where she lives to be quarantined.

Mrs. William Morrell has returned from Providence.

Many plain people in town were surprised to learn that Prof. Phelps in a recent lecture on Shakespeare, given in Bridgeport, said very little is known about the poet. He wouldn't think so if he had heard Mrs. Wood Barnes Ward lecture not long ago in our library on the same gentleman. We know where Shakespeare was born; the font in which he was baptized; who were his father and mother; that he had a sister; how many children he had; whom he married; why he went to London; what he did there; where he was buried; how he looked and some good people have read his poems and plays. What more would

## RUTH BRYAN GETS DIVORCE

Artist Husband Makes No Defence to Charge of Non-Support.

Lincoln, Neb., March 10.—Ruth Bryan Leavitt, eldest daughter of William J. Bryan, obtained a divorce yesterday from W. H. Leavitt, the artist.

Leavitt gets the custody of the two children, Ruth, four years old, and Bradford, three years old.

It was charged that Mr. Leavitt, who is in Paris, where he has been living for a long time, did not contribute to the support of his wife. There was no defence. They had not been living together.

The case was closed very quickly. Mrs. Bryan and her daughter were in court before Judge Cornish, who granted the divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt were married in October, 1905, when the bride was only eighteen years old. Leavitt has been in Lincoln at that time, where he painted the portrait of William J. Bryan.

For a long time there have been rumors of trouble between the couple, but persistent denials were made by the Bryan family.

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**HARAHAN WILL NOT SUPPLANT BROWN**  
Buffalo, March 10.—When shown a dispatch from the West which stated that E. H. Harriman was planning to supplant himself as head of the New York Central, by giving the title of John T. Harahan now president of the Illinois Central, President Brown of the New York Central denied the story.

"There is absolutely nothing to it," said Mr. Brown. "I saw Mr. Harahan in Chicago before leaving the East and he did not tell me that he was going to succeed me. The fact is that Mr. Harahan was leaving with his wife for the Pacific coast."

Mr. Brown with Vice President Charles F. Daley is on his way to New York where he will arrive some time to-day.

**Fairfield County News.**  
Will of William O'Brien.

The will of Wm. O'Brien was admitted to probate at Greenwich, Saturday. The value of the real estate is estimated at \$7,000; personal, \$15,000. The widow is given the use of the house. All is given in trust to the executor, to pay an annuity of \$400 to the widow, and to each of the grandchildren, Wm. Johnson, Florence Merritt, Mary Driscoll and Rosa Driscoll, annually or oftener, the interest on \$1,000 until Fanny R. Merritt shall attain the age of 21 years, when the executor is directed to pay to each grandchild \$1,000. The balance then remaining goes in equal shares to Catherine Merritt, wife of John G. Merritt; Margaret Driscoll, wife of Thomas Driscoll; children of deceased, and Wm. Johnson, a grandson. Upon the death of the widow, the balance then remaining is to be divided among Catherine Merritt, Margaret Driscoll and Wm. Johnson, in equal shares.

Hungarian Partridge.  
Game Warden Smith of Norwalk, shipped twenty Hungarian partridges to Ridgefield, Monday, and a similar crate of twenty birds to Greenwich to be liberated. Mr. Smith has two more crates. One will be liberated at Stamford, and the other in Norwalk. Eighty-four birds are kept in captivity by Mr. Smith, and of this number only four died.

**Injuries Prove Fatal.**  
Emmanuel Enos, who was found badly injured on the railroad tracks in Bridgeport last Sunday, died Sunday. He was struck by a train. Enos appeared to be about 30 years old. He received a number of injuries, and doubtless suffered a good deal from exposure before he was found.

**Bids for Town Bonds.**  
Only two bids were received by the Selectmen of Norwalk for the \$250,000 worth of four per cent town bonds which have been issued to pay the floating debt and other debts incurred by the town. Bids were received from Blodgett, Merritt & Company, of Boston, who offered 100,327, and from the Perry, Coffin & Bun Company, of Boston, who offered 100,861. The board agreed to take no action on the matter at this time. By vote of the special town meeting, the bonds are not to be sold at less than par, and the fact that the highest bid was only 96 cents on the dollar of the required amount did not come up to the expectation of the board.

**Deaths and Funerals.**  
Mary McDonald, wife of William McDonald, a well known resident of the city, and for many years a communicant at St. Mary's church, died last Wednesday afternoon, at her home, 182 DeKalb avenue, after a brief illness. She was 62 years of age. Her husband, one son, John, and two daughters, Mrs. William Dunn and Mrs. John F. Kiernan.

**ALLIANCE FRANCAISE**  
The members of the Bridgeport Group of the Alliance Francaise will have the pleasure of seeing a remarkable production of Lebriche's amusing little comedy, La Grammaire, at their next meeting, which will occur in the Hotel Stratford, Monday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock.

A preliminary study of the comedy will be made in the Rooms of the Bridgeport Art League, next Saturday, March 12, at 3 p. m. All students belonging to the group are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which will undoubtedly contribute greatly to the full enjoyment of the play.

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**LUMSDEN ADMITS HAVING REVOLVER**

ON WITNESS STAND HE CONTRADICTS STORY HE TOLD AT TIME HE SHOT BROKER SUYDAM.

New York, March 10.—With the introduction of several character witnesses today the testimony was completed in the case of John C. Lumsden, on trial for the murder of Harry Suydam, a curb broker, in the latter's office on December 19, last.

Lumsden's testimony contradicted the story he told the police after the shooting and while on the stand he admitted for the first time having the revolver with which the fatal shot was fired. Hitherto he has contended that the gun was put into his pocket while he was in the office of Suydam, attempting to collect money which the broker owed him.

On the stand, Lumsden said that he was suddenly attacked by Suydam and his clerk, J. A. Collins, and was thrown to the floor and kicked and beaten. During the scrimmage, he said, two shots were fired, one of which killed Collins. He stated that he discharged the weapon, but said after the shooting he discovered himself standing at the table with the revolver in his hand.

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Upon the petition of the Connecticut Co., Gov. Lilley has appointed six employees of the company in this city to be railroad police. The new officers, whose duty it will be to maintain order upon the cars and the property of the company, are James Forney, David Greenbaum, J. B. Libbey, John McGovern, Arthur Johnson and Neil Burcott.

**COTTON STEAMER'S CARGO ON FIRE.**  
Liverpool, March 10.—The big cotton steamer Mechanician, from New Orleans to this port, is on fire in the Mersey river and the total destruction of the steamer and cargo is threatened. She carries nearly five thousand bales.

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